international trade and enforcement of labour standards through the imposition of the social clause. At the same time, the resolution recognised the necessity for commitment to promote measures to improve the working and living conditions of all people and provide better levels of protection. India is also a party to this resolution.

Unemployed persons in the country

934. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of unemployed as on 31st December, 1994 according to the records maintained by the Employment Exchanges in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Employment Exchanges have become places of nepotism and corruption and are not discharging their duties objectively; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to restructure the Employment Exchanges in the country?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The total number of job-seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, on the live register of employment exchanges in the country, as on 31-12-1994 was 366.91 lakhs.

(b) and (c) Employment Exchanges function under the administrative control of State/U.T. Governments. Complaints of nepotism and corruption received in Government are promptly forwarded to the State/U.T. Governments for necessary action.

Action against loom owners for employing child llabour

935. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases have been instituted against loom-owners for the illegal employment of child weavers in the country;

(b) how many raids have been conducted in the carpet-belt against the exporters of carpet for employing child labour; and

(c) the details of the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Bonded child labour in Mirzapur

936. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri Kailash Satyarthi, Chirman of South Asian Coalition on Child Servitude has sent list of 2000 bonded child labour working in Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh to the Prime Minister Secretariat;

(b) what aciton has been taken by Government against the law breakers; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to set free and rehabilitate such child labourers of Mirzapur?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) A communication has been received from Shri Kailash Satyarthi enclosing a list containing 784 names of alleged child labour belonging to different districts of Bihar and U. P. who are stated to be working in carpet industry. The concerned State Governments of U.P. and Bihar have been asked